



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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I have not yet begun to fight!"



FIRST BLACK SOLDIER IN 1ST ID REMINISCES

By Rachel I e Turner-Collins

In 1942, Julian Paul McMeans was a 17-year-old black man growing up in Chatman, Alabama with no real job prospects. He was too young to work at the local sawmill and he wanted the opportunity and excitement that Chatman couldn't provide. He begged his mother to let him join the military, like his two brothers. One year later, he got his wish in the form of a letter: He was drafted into the U.S. Army.

McMeans was assigned to Company A, 25th Port Battalion, but he wanted to be on the front line. He volunteered for Company B, 16th Infantry, formerly an all white Battalion of

the 1st Infantry Division.

McMeans temporarily gave up his rank of sergeant to do so. A lot of blacks did the same, some even becoming privates just for the opportunity to fight with the 'Big Red One'. He considered it an honor to fight for his country at a time when blacks didn't have the same rights as their white counterparts.

So, what was it like? "In combat, you don't have time to think about race relations. You are thinking about surviving," said McMeans, who spoke to a group Tuesday afternoon in the Leighton Barracks Theater. His visit was part of the division's Black History Month.

HEARING DATE SET FOR U.S. ARMY SOLDIER

By Keith Boydston

A hearing for Army Staff Sgt. Frank J. Ronghi, accused in the Jan. 13 killing of an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl in Vitina, Kosovo, will begin at Camp Bondsteel on Friday. Ronghi is charged with premeditated murder and indecent acts with a child. He was transferred from Kosovo soon after his arrest and has been held at a military detention facility in Mannheim, Germany since Jan. 17.

Maj. Paul Kantwill, an Army

lawyer based in Germany, has been appointed to conduct the hearing by 1st Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. John Abizaid. Kantwill will examine the evidence and then make a recommendation to the special court-martial convening authority.

The Article 32 hearing, a military version of a grand jury hearing, determines whether enough evidence exists to send a case to court-martial. If the case goes to trial, prosecutors could decide to pursue the death penalty.

MCCAIN WANTS OLD STYLE GOV'T

By Alison Mitchell

John McCain is still brandishing as his main campaign weapon his relentless accessibility – from his freewheeling encounters with the public to his anything-goes news conferences aboard his bus. Much of this openness is a way to get free publicity to counter the financial advantage of his main competitor, Gov. George W. Bush of Texas. But more and more, McCain says his campaign style is an effort to turn back the clock not just on presidential campaigning but on governance, in search of a more personable, less confrontational time.

McCain has told reporters he is convinced that some of the corrosive antagonism in Washington between the press and the White House during the Clinton years was the result of restricted access and a dearth of news conferences. Presidents make mistakes, he contends, "when they insulate themselves." He envisions a delegation from Congress holding weekly televised grillings of the president. "That kind of exchange would be good for America," he said.

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OSCAR NOMINATIONS FINAL

By Associated Press

The Oscar nominations are once again upon us. and for the first time in several years there are real questions about which films will be considered for the best picture award.

Veteran Oscar watchers say they can usually name four of the five nominees each year. But this year they say it's wide open, with only one film, "American Beauty," considered a lock to earn an Oscar nod.

After that, two movies, "The Insider" and "The Hurricane," are considered good bets. Then comes a large field which includes the dark comedy "Being John Malkovich," "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "The Sixth Sense."

In the acting categories, Jim Carrey fans wonder if he'll get a nomination for his portrayal of Andy Kaufman in "Man On The Moon." He was snubbed last year.

*** THURSDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE *****CHANNEL 2**

1030 COMPUTER CHRONICLES

1100 MY BEST FRIENDS WEDDING

1630 7TH HEAVEN

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 PARTY OF FIVE

1900 BUFFY, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

2000 THE PREACHER'S WIFE

2200 SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET

CHANNEL 6

1030 BOY MEETS WORLD

1100 HOME ALONE

1630 MEET THE DEEDLES

1800 GREASE

2000 ELECTION

2145 HOW THE WEST WAS WON

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THIRTEEN ARRESTED IN HIJACKING

By Sarah Lyall

Thirteen men were charged Monday with hijacking the Afghan airliner that spent last week parked on a remote runway at a British airport with more than 150 people aboard. The men, all Afghans ages 18 to 36, could face long prison sentences if convicted.

Officials said that 73 passengers from the plane have sought asylum, and are being interviewed about their reasons. Seventy-three others (58 men, 8 women, and 7 children) left on a chartered flight for Kandahar, Afghanistan early Monday morning.

The men charged with hijacking the plane are not scheduled to reappear in court until March, and then probably will not be tried for several more months, the police said. The suspects could face sentences as long as life in prison if convicted.

ROMANIA WON'T PAY FOR SPILL

By Associated Press

Romania said Monday it would not pay compensation to any other country affected by a cyanide spill that has contaminated two rivers. Romania said it also suffered damage when a dam at the Baia-Mare gold mine in northwestern Romania overflowed at the end of last month, sending cyanide into Hungary and Yugoslavia. Serbia, the larger of two republics in Yugoslavia, banned the sale of most freshwater fish Monday, and Hungary warned of long-term damage. Hungary and Serbia have demanded that Romania pay compensation, and the Serbs have threatened to sue Bucharest if their demands are not met.

FIRST-TIME ORBIT WITH ASTEROID

By The New York Times

With a nudge from its small rockets, the spacecraft NEAR gently embraced the asteroid Eros Monday to become the first man-made object to orbit such a space rock.

The robot spacecraft is called NEAR for Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous. The asteroid, a potato-shaped rock, is roughly twice the size of Manhattan. NEAR, loaded with six instruments to determine the mass, density, chemical composition and other characteristics of an asteroid, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Feb. 17, 1996.

THREE SUSPECTS IN WEB ATTACKS

By Associated Press

The FBI reportedly is preparing to question three possible suspects in last week's attacks on major web sites.

The Washington Post reports authorities have been able to link some of the suspected hackers' online aliases to real names and addresses. The newspaper says FBI agents plan to begin questioning the suspects as early as Tuesday.

Sources tell the newspaper that one of the suspects uses the alias "Coolio" and lives in the United States. A second suspect is believed to be a Canadian teen-ager who uses the online name "Mafiaboy." The third is a male who has allegedly bragged about being involved in the attacks.

Meanwhile, many banks knew the attacks were coming. But they weren't allowed to share the warnings under rules of a private security network. The network forbids members from sharing information with authorities.

SPORTS

JUDGE SETS BAIL AT \$1 MILLION

By Jon Nordheimer

A state judge ruled Monday night that the All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis may be released on \$1 million bail, but must remain at his home in Maryland except for court appearances.

Downs said, however, that Lewis could not leave Maryland unless it was to appear in Georgia for proceedings in his case. She also imposed a curfew for him to be home by 9 o'clock every night and to completely abstain from consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs.

Art Modell, Ernest Byner and Rod Woodson, all took the stand along with a long line of other character witnesses to portray Lewis as a ferocious middle linebacker on the field but a peacemaker off it.

Lewis faces murder charges in connection with two stabbing deaths after a Super Bowl party two weeks ago.

BETTENHAUSEN AND WIFE DIE IN PLANE CRASH LAST MONDAY

By Associated Press

Former USAC Rookie of the Year Tony Bettenhausen and his wife were among four people killed in a plane crash 30 miles from Lexington, Kentucky, Monday. Bettenhausen started 103 Indy car races and later joined the Winston Cup circuit. He was 48.

NHL SCORES

PITTSBURGH 3	VANCOUVER 0
CAROLINA 5	TORONTO 2
MONTREAL 4	FLORIDA 1
ANAHEIM 4	CHICAGO 3
DETROIT 3	PHOENIX 1
LOS ANGELES 4	CALGARY 3, OT

MEN'S TOP-25 NCAA SCORES

(13) TULSA 75	RICE 33
(18) CONNECTICUT 59	(23) SETON HALL 50
(20) OKLAHOMA 62	NEBRASKA 54

WOMEN'S TOP-25 NCAA SCORES

(14) DUKE 69	WAKE FOREST 38
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First Division takes the Landing Craft Personnel Light (LCPL) boat out for a spin yesterday for some training. The Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat (RHIB) was lowered for training as well. (Photo By J03 Laura Wiggins)



Lance Cpls. Jim Barfield (right) and Juan Liriano, both Military policeman with Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 15, demonstrate the front wrist lock for members of C Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4 Monday in the hangar bay of the USS Bonhomme Richard. (Photo By Staff Sgt. Glenn Holloway)